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1. [] about 40,000 troops of the 42 Army and of the 44 Army, and 25,000 provincial public security troops were in the area south of Canton to Changmut'ou (N 22-53, E 114-06).
2. [] the 79 Division, 27 Army,¹ one battalion of the 389 Regiment, 130 Division, 44 Army; and one battalion of the 122 Division, 41 Army, were disposed [] 25X1

4. [] the 3 Independent Regiment, 41 Army,² left Canton for duty in the

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Haifeng (N 22-58, E 115-20) Hsien coastal area. This regiment was under the command of CH'LEN Han-wu (6929/3352/2976). Each of the four battalions of the regiment was equipped with mortars, antiaircraft machine guns, and light machine guns.

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5. [] 400 men [] of the 2 Battalion, 1 Artillery Regiment, 4 Field Army, arrived in Canton and were billeted in the South Village section. The battalion was equipped with 18 guns, most of which were 60-mm. mortars and a few of which were 75-mm. and 105-mm. guns; 120 cases of ammunition; and a total of 47 horses and mules.

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6. [] an artillery battalion [] of the 15 Army Group, arrived in Shench'uan (N 22-32, E 114-08) on the Canton-Kowloon Railway. This battalion had a strength of over 600 men and was equipped with 12 artillery pieces, and 4 antiaircraft machine guns. The battalion was disposed at Ts'aiwuwei (5591/1450/0953), Huangkang (7806/1511), west of Shench'uan, and at other nearby places.

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8. [] the 2 Armored Battalion, 15 Army Group, was in the Haifeng Hsien coastal area under FAN Shih-chun (2868/0013/1193). The battalion had a strength of 1,500 men, and it was equipped with 12 antiaircraft guns, 9 field guns, 9 antiaircraft machine guns, 6 long-range guns, 6 searchlights, and a total of 60 light armored cars and tanks.⁴

10. [] the 3 Armored Battalion, 5 Armored Regiment, of the Central and South China Military Area, arrived at Changmut'ou. The battalion, which was commanded by WAN Ch'ung (5502/0394), was equipped with long-range guns, howitzers, antiaircraft machine guns, 10 medium tanks, and 22 light tanks.

11. [] the 36 Cavalry Regiment with a strength of 1,600 men who were equipped with [] sub-machine guns and Soviet rifles, and the 38 Cavalry Regiment, with a strength of 1,200 men who were equipped with Soviet weapons, were transferred from Huiyang (N 23-05, E 114-26) to Huangp'u (N 23-05, E 113-24).

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The 36 and 38 Cavalry Regiments, which are subordinate to the 4 Field Army, have been foraging for supplies in the Huangp'u area.

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13. [redacted] Chinese Communist army troops were concentrating at the railway centers of Shihlung (N 23-07, E 113-51) and Changmut'ou for probable transport to the East River Valley and to the coastal areas near Haifeng and Lufeng (N 22-58, E 115-38). 25X1

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14. [redacted] about 3,000 to 4,000 infantry troops, a large number of horses and mules, artillery pieces, and large quantities of supplies were being transported on each train travelling southward on the Kwangtung-Hankow railway.

1. [redacted] Comment. Available information indicates that the 27 Army has returned from Korea and is carried as unlocated in East China. [redacted] the 27 Army at Chaoan (N 23-44, E 117-12) [redacted] and other reports have been received placing the 27 Army in the Swatow area. 25X1
 [redacted] Comment. Units of the 27 Army have also been reported in Yunnan; however, it is believed that the army is in the general area of Shanghai. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The unit designations in this and the following paragraphs have never previously been reported to this office. 25X1
 [redacted] Comment. None of the units reported in paras. 4-6 and 8-12 has been reliably reported as a component of the Chinese Communist army, and the reported organization of most of them conflicts with currently accented T/O and E's for units of this kind. 25X1

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4. [redacted] Comment. Strength in men and equipment reported is very high for a battalion-size unit. 25X1

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